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Free Water Saving Toilets Offered to San Gabriel Valley Residents on Saturday, October 20th

WHEN: Saturday, October 20, 2007
Starting at 8:00 am

WHERE: South Pasadena Unified School District
1020 El Centro Street
South Pasadena, CA 91030

WHAT: The Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District is hosting a **High Efficiency Toilet (HET) distribution event** in the parking lot of the South Pasadena Unified School District offices. Starting at 8:00 am, the HETs will be distributed to qualifying participants. Quantities are limited and will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

HETs include the newest water-saving technology, using only 1.28 gallons per flush or less, compared to older models that may use up to 7 gallons per flush. The program will help increase water conservation and improve our water supply reliability.

Qualified participants are required to show their photo I.D. and a recent water bill. The water bill must show the name of the water company and the account number for the address where the HETs will be installed. Distributed HETs must be installed at a residential address within the Upper District's territory. There is a maximum of two HETs per household. Addresses that have received two toilets through any prior exchange program are not eligible to participate again.

Residents who receive a new toilet on October 20th *must* install the new toilet and return their old toilet to the same location on Saturday, November 3, 2007 between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

South Pasadena High School will be assisting with the operation and marketing of the program and, in return, will earn funding that helps support the school's educational programs and activities.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a co-sponsor of the HET Retrofit Program.

WHO: Residents living within the following cities may qualify to receive up to two free HETs: Arcadia, Baldwin Park, Bassett, Bradbury, Duarte, El Monte, Irwindale, Rosemead, San Gabriel, South Pasadena, South San Gabriel, Temple City and Valinda. NOTE: Residents living within Azusa, Covina, Glendora, Hacienda Heights, City of Industry, La Puente and West Covina must call the Upper District at (626) 443-2298 to confirm eligibility.

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The Upper District provides wholesale water service to 17 cities in the San Gabriel Valley. Nearly 1 million people live and work in the Upper District's 144 square mile service area. In 2006, the Upper District delivered more than 45,000 acre feet (approximately 15 billion gallons) of treated, untreated, and recycled water for municipal, industrial and irrigation uses in the San Gabriel Valley.